

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 3503

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE IMPORTANCE OF TREES FOR THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE'S COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT AND ENCOURAGING THE PLANTING OF TREES; PROCLAIMING APRIL 24, 2026, IN THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE AS "ARBOR DAY"; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, as trees grow, they help stop climate change by removing carbon dioxide from the air, storing carbon in the trees and soil, and releasing oxygen into the atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, trees in our town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of the business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, hereby proclaims April 24, 2026 as "Arbor Day," and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission urges all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and the importance of trees, and to support efforts to protect our trees and natural habitats; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission urges all citizens to plant trees to promote the well-being of this and future generations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above and foregoing are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Approval and Authorization. The Town Commission approves and authorizes the Town Manager and/or his designee to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution to proclaim April 24, 2026, as "Arbor Day" in the Town of Surfside (Attachment "A").

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of April, 2026.

Motion by Commissioner Vildostegui,

Second by Commissioner Travani.

FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION:

Commissioner Andrea Travani	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Gerardo Vildostegui	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner David Weingot	<u>Absent</u>
Vice Mayor Dayana Benmergui	<u>Absent</u>
Mayor Charles W. Burkett	<u>Yes</u>

Charles W. Burkett, Mayor


Attest:



Sandra N. McCready, MMC
Town Clerk



Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:



Thais Hernandez, Town Attorney



TOWN OF SURFSIDE

PROCLAMATION, CERTIFICATE, COIN AND KEY TO THE TOWN REQUEST FORM

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

Request for: Proclamation Certificate Key Brick (check one)

Date of Request: March 20, 2026 _____

Name of Requestor: Public Works Department _____

Organization: _____

Address: 9293 Harding Avenue Surfside, FL, 33154 _____

Phone / E-Mail: aeugent@townofsurfsidefl.gov _____

Name of Individual / Organization to be honored:

Title for Proclamation or Certificate:
_Arbor Day_____

Date of Recognition: April 24, 2026 _____

Reason for Recognition (*Please attach 4 – 6 "whereas clauses" as draft text for a Proclamation*):
_____Annual Tree-City Re-Certification_____

Document is to be:

- Presented at a Commission Meeting in April 14, 2026 (month / year)
- Presented at the following event _____ (Please attach event information to the request form)
- Picked up by _____ on _____ (date)

Administrative Use Only

Proclamation _____ Certificate _____ Key _____ Coin _____

Approved: Yes _____ No _____ If no, state reason: _____

Approved Date: _____

Date Submitted for Mayor's Signature: _____

Date Issued: _____

Completed by: _____

